

# Recycling Guide for Wheatley Residents January 2012



## **1. Kerbside Recycling Wheelie Bins - Guidelines**

If in doubt ring 03000 610610 or email [admin.southoxford@biffa.uk](mailto:admin.southoxford@biffa.uk)

[www.southoxon.gov.uk](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk) also has a good A-Z of recycling and waste and a calendar for collection dates. In Wheatley collection is on Mondays, alternate weeks: **Garden & Recycling & Food** then the next week **Landfill & Food**.

**Paper & Cardboard:** corrugated cardboard, cereal boxes, egg boxes, greeting cards, tissue boxes, toilet roll tubes, newspapers, magazines, envelopes inc. ones with windows, junk mail, phone directories (inc yellow pages) & catalogues, cardboard jigsaws and games, books (if not fit for re-sale via charity shops), labels from cans/jars. Shredded paper should be in a paper envelope or paper or plastic bag

**Plastic** (NB All food items must be cleaned first): drinks/milk/detergent plastic bottles, yogurt/dessert pots, yellow fats & ice cream tubs, pre-sliced bacon and meat joint containers (rinsed), biscuit selection box/mince pies dividers, thin plastic bags from food packaging (eg pre-packed salads, bread bags, frozen food bags) or other products eg birthday cards, plastic bags from newspapers and magazines, toiletries plastic bottles tubes & containers inc all plastic deodorant containers, plant pots, plastic carrier bags.

**Metal:** drink cans & food tins (washed & preferably squashed), metal bottle tops and jar lids (remove from the bottle and jar first), foil including food trays, eg take-away dishes and foil pie tins, aerosols

**Glass:** bottles and jars of any colour

**Food & Drink Cartons:** 'Tetra-Pak' style, (they do not have to be labelled Tetra-Pak)

### **Not Collected in Large Green Wheelie Bin, but which appear to be similar materials**

Pyrex, drinking glasses & polystyrene (cannot be recycled anywhere so goes in landfill), Old style light bulbs go in landfill (*Redbridge takes low energy ones and fluorescent tubes*)

Other metals (*Redbridge accepts*)

Cling film (wraps around the recycling machinery)

Items made from mixed paper/plastic/foil (recycling process cannot separate into the different materials) eg /crisp packets, 'Pringles' tubes, confectionery wrappers, 'foil' lids from eg yogurt, plastic coated paper cups, pill packets eg aspirin, cat food pouches

**Brown Wheelie Bins for Green Waste.** To order a wheelie bin phone 01491 823416 or [www.southoxon.gov.uk/gardenwaste](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/gardenwaste) (there is an annual cost). All compostable garden waste apart from soil, branches over 10 cm Remove stones, bricks & rubble

**Small Green Bins** are for food waste: raw/cooked vegetables & fruit, raw/cooked meat & fish & bones, dairy products, tea bags, oils & fats, bones, etc. NO PACKAGING

## **2. Recycling to Charities**

### **Charity Containers in Wheatley (NB these are for specific items only)**

#### **Asda Car Park**

Salvation Army – clothing & shoes – in sealed bags

Children in Need - clothing & shoes – in sealed bags

British Heart Foundation – books & music (not newspapers, catalogues or phone books)

Air Ambulance – clothing, shoes and textiles

#### **King & Queen (Church Road) Car Park**

Variety Club – shoes - paired in bags

Salvation Army - clothing & shoes – in sealed bags

Air Ambulance – clothing, shoes and textiles

#### **Wheatley Fire Station**

Firefighters Charity – clothes, linen, handbags and shoes

#### **Mill View Nursery, Ladder Hill**

British Heart Foundation – books & music

### **Charity Shops**

#### **General Guidelines**

Never leave donations outside the shop, especially when they are closed. They are often vandalised, stolen, and there have been incidents of arson.

Check your chosen charity's policy on accepting electrical items, prams, buggies, cots, baby equipment generally, cutlery, sharp knives and furniture – the charity may take them out of politeness, but their policy may prevent re-sale, thus incurring costs of disposal.

All charities prefer good quality, saleable items: if in doubt, ask and be prepared for (and not offended by) a refusal. However, some charities will pass on non-saleable items such as books and textiles to a third party for recycling.

#### **Local Charity Shops**

	<b>Headington</b>	<b>Thame</b>	<b>Cowley</b>
<b>Oxfam</b>	Tel 742452	Tel 01844 260914	
<b>Oxfam Books</b>		01844 214645	
<b>British Heart Foundation</b>	308907		Tel 396134
<b>Cancer Research</b>	761029/768199	01844 217683	
<b>CLIC</b>	744402		
<b>Marie Curie</b>	308158		
<b>Sobell House</b>	764400	01844 212682	
<b>Age Concern</b>			771517
<b>Helen &amp; Douglas Ho. (Windmill Road)</b>	762555	01844 260446	396607
<b>PDSA</b>			715549
<b>Shaw Trust</b>		01844 218259	714885
<b>Four Paws Cat Rescue (Green Rd Roundabout)</b>	07985 431 066		
<i>Other Charities/Locations – see under Charity in Yellow Pages, or the Charity's name</i>			

### **3. Recycling Specific Items**

**Furniture & Electrical** Emmaus ([www.emmausoxford.org](http://www.emmausoxford.org)) The Old Community Centre Westlands Drive Northway tel 763698 will accept furniture and electrical items. Sofas etc must be fire retardant. They can collect although they need three weeks notice. Donations can be taken to their premises in Headington – phone in advance for opening times. Emmaus reserve the right to refuse items. Sobell House shop at Kidlington - tel 372441 – and Helen & Douglas House in Headington (tel 762555) will accept furniture and small electrical items. Sofas etc must be fire retardant. Because space is limited **always ring first**. They can collect although they need a variable notice period. To ask for a collection: Sobell House ring the shop, for Helen & Douglas House ring 01235 530857. One of the Cancer Research shops in Headington (tel 761029) takes small items of furniture and both Cancer Research shops take small electrical items – ring to check. Wheatley Swap Shop can take small electrical items, and furniture can be advertised. ***NB Electrical items must have a 'CE' mark if offered to Swap Shop or charity shops i.e. made after 1993***

**Spectacles** Most opticians support Vision Aid. There is either a collection box in the shop or hand to the receptionist.

**Mobile Phones & Printer/Toner Cartridges** Cartridge UK in Botley sell refilled cartridges, and laser cartridges can be donated to them. Swap Shop has envelopes to recycle printer cartridges for 'Care for the Family' (not Epson or laser) or try **[www.redeemplc.com](http://www.redeemplc.com)** or **[www.reclaim-it.com](http://www.reclaim-it.com)** who recycle for charity. Check charity web-sites, charity shops and keep any envelopes that you are sent or in newspapers. [www.fonesforsafety.org.uk](http://www.fonesforsafety.org.uk) re-configures old mobiles so they can only dial 999 and donates them to victims of domestic violence. Curry's at Horspath Driftway has a collection point for printer cartridges. Redbridge also accepts these

**Energy Saving Light Bulbs** Homebase at Horspath Driftway has a collection point

**Computers** **[www.computeraid.org](http://www.computeraid.org)** accepts old computer hardware from individuals and businesses to refurbish and send to projects in developing countries.

**[www.donateapc.org.uk](http://www.donateapc.org.uk)** is a site to find a home for your unwanted computer; it aims to match donors with organisations in the UK. Redbridge also accepts computers

**Plastic Carrier Bags** Asda offers carrier bag recycling within the store

**Brita Filter Cartridges** Can be taken to Robert Dyas (in Thame and Oxford) and Cargo in Thame for recycling

**"Soda Stream" carbon dioxide cylinders** can be taken to Robert Dyas for refilling

**Batteries** Battery recycling is now available in Asda and the Co-op in Wheatley, also Curry's and Homebase at Horspath Driftway . All shops selling large amounts of batteries must now offer recycling facilities

**Shoes** As well as Charity Shops who take re-saleable shoes, Up and Running, London Road in Headington and Topsport in Buttermarket Thame have collection points for shoes in ANY condition in aid of The Variety Club.

## **4. Redbridge Waste Recycling**

**www.oxfordshire.gov.uk** has a good A-Z for what can be taken to the various sites (including non-recyclable items). The general phone number for Waste Management is 08450 504550, Redbridge phone number is 01865 721464.

As well as items that can go in the kerbside recycling, Redbridge recycle the following:

Batteries – household & car

Electrical including computers & computer monitors

Bulbs - fluorescent tubes & energy saving light bulbs

Garden waste including soil and large branches

Engine oil

Other metals that can't be collected via the kerbside (eg cutlery, metal coat hangers)

Bicycles

Tools

Mobile phones

Textiles

### **Other Recycling Organisations**

Orinoco **www.oxorinoco.org** Bullingdon Community Centre, Peat Moors (off the Slade) Headington tel 761113 – takes paint, scrap material and tools – supplies community arts projects. Orinoco is also part of Community RePaint, a nationwide network of paint re-use schemes (**www.communityrepaint.org.uk**)

Freecycle **www.freecycle.org.uk** an internet network where you can give and receive unwanted items free of charge – local Oxford and Thame sections. There is also Freegle **ilovefreegle.org** , which operates in the same way as Freecycle, but currently has no local group, and **www.FreelyWheely.com**

**www.frn.org.uk** This national body for recycling organisations lists groups across the country that will pass on items such as irons and microwaves to low income families

**www.recycle-more.co.uk** has a postcode search facility which enables users to find out where there are local collection points and what type of waste will be accepted.

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